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(MBHB00-830-A; RPI 600/005)

In re the Application of:

Vargeese, et al.

Serial No.: 09/887,182

Filed: June 22, 2001

For: METHOD FOR THE CHEMICAL
SYNTHESIS OF OLIGONUCLEOTIDES

Group Art Unit: Unassigned

Examiner: Unassigned.

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In regard to the above-identified application:

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 - a. Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Application;
 - b. Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Application;
 - c. Executed copy of Oath or Declaration;
 - d. Statement of Compliance of the substitute Sequence Listing under 37 CFR §§ 1.821 – 1.825;
 - e. Computer readable form (CRF) of the substitute Sequence Listing (1 diskette) under 37 CFR § 1.825(b);
 - f. Paper copy of Sequence Listing;
 - g. Return Receipt Postcard
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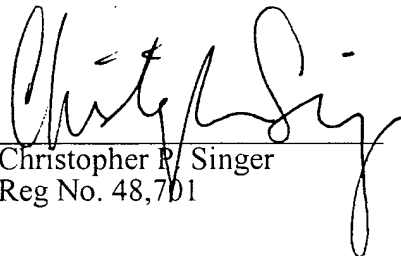
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IN THE SEQUENCE LISTING:

Please replace the previously filed sequence listing with the substitute sequence listing submitted herewith. The sequence listing has been amended in order to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR §§ 1.821-1.825. No part of the sequence listing goes beyond the disclosure found in the application as originally filed.

Remarks

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Sequence Listing

Applicants have attached a substitute written paper copy and a substitute computer readable copy of the sequence listing. As required by 37 C.F.R. 1.821(e), 1.821(f), 1.821(g), 1.825(b), and/or 1.825(d), the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written form and includes no new matter. A separate statement of compliance is included herewith.

The substitute sequence listing filed herewith has been amended from the previously filed sequence listing, mailed June 22, 2001. The sequence listing filed June 22, 2001 contained several typographical errors in SEQ ID NO: 1, and has been amended accordingly. Support for the amendments to the sequence can be found in the specification as filed, for example, at page 55, line 16; page 57, line 7; and page 58, line 22. This amendment does not constitute new matter.

Further, the raw sequence listing error report indicated that the "Artificial Sequence" description at <223> was insufficient. The Applicants have elected to describe the sequence as "Synthetic Enzymatic Nucleic Acid" and have amended the sequence listing accordingly. This amendment is fully supported by the application as filed, for example, at page 55, line 16; page 57, line 7; and page 58, line 22.

Lastly, the error report also objected to the disclosure of an abasic moiety found in the sequence as "n", as "n" is reserved for nucleic acid groups only. The Applicants have elected to remove the "n" and insert a miscellaneous feature describing a modification to the 3'-end nucleic

acid of the sequence, in order to clarify the sequence and conform completely with 37 CFR §§ 1.821-1.825.

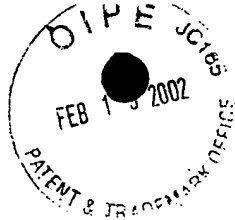
If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Response, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,
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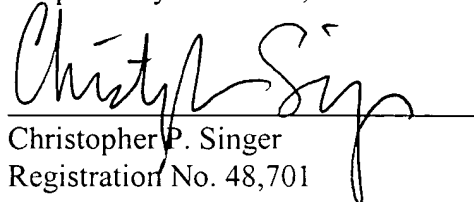
STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.821(f) and 1.825(b)

Dear Sir:

The information recorded in the computer readable copy of the SEQUENCE LISTING submitted herewith is identical to the information in the printed copy of the SEQUENCE LISTING submitted herewith, and includes no new matter. The copies are submitted in accordance with 37 CFR §§ 1.821-1.825.

Date: December 21, 2001

Respectfully submitted,


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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted


An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- o The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- o To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- o The balance due by applicant is \$ 65.
- o A copy of the "Sequence Listing" in computer readable form has been submitted. However, the content of the computer readable form does not comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.822 and/or 1.823, as indicated on the attached copy of the marked -up "Raw Sequence Listing." Applicant must provide a substitute computer readable form (CRF) copy of the "Sequence Listing" and a statement that the content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written (on paper or compact disc) sequence listing and, where applicable, includes no new matter, as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e), 1.821(f), 1.821(g), 1.825(b), or 1.825(d).

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